



United States Attorney's Office
District of Columbia

Ronald C. Machen Jr.
United States Attorney

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday, April 6, 2010

USAO Public Affairs

(202) 514-6933

www.usdoj.gov/usao/dc

District Man Sentenced to 84 months (7 years) of Incarceration for Sexually Abusing his 12-year-old Grand Daughter

WASHINGTON - James R. Young, 44, of Washington, D.C., was sentenced today in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to 84 months in prison for sexually abusing his 12-year-old granddaughter over a three year period, announced U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. While imposing the sentence, the Honorable Lynn Leibovitz found that Young posed a danger to the community and concluded that a significant period of incarceration was warranted for the offense. Upon his release from prison following the completion of the sentence, Young will be required to register under the Sex Offender Registration Act for life. Young pled guilty on February 5, 2010, to Second Degree Child Sexual Abuse with Aggravating Circumstances.

The evidence in the case showed that between December 2006 and November 2009, Young resided with his wife and his wife's granddaughter in the Southeast quadrant of the District of Columbia. During that time, while the granddaughter was between 9 and 12 years old, Young repeatedly touched the child's vagina and breasts with the intent to sexually gratify himself. Following one occasion in December 2006, the child disclosed to family members that Young had touched her inappropriately, on her private parts. The child's grandmother confronted Young and kicked him out of the house for a period of time. However, Young later returned to the house and resumed living with the child and her grandmother.

On November 13, 2009, when the child was 12 years old, Young again entered her bedroom while she was asleep and rubbed her thighs, vagina, and breasts with his hands. The child reported this abuse to friends at school, who in turn notified school officials and the police. Young was arrested for this offense on November 20, 2009.

In announcing today's sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen expressed his appreciation to the Metropolitan Police Department, and particularly praised the work of Detective Darryn Robinson and Investigator Bridget Parrish. The U.S. Attorney also commended the work of Victim Advocate Veronica Vaughan, Paralegal Specialist Donahue Griffith, Legal Assistant Tanisha Nelson, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Karen Ditzler, who prosecuted the case.

###